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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV PINT EG
SUBJECT: THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

1. SENIOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OFFICIAL EVENING
JULY 12 TOLD EMBOFF THAT PRESIDENT SADAT'S "SURPRISE"
WILL BE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT EGYPT WILL ADOPT "AMERICAN
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT." ACCORDING SOURCE, THIS WILL
INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF BICAMERAL LEGISLATURE, ABOLI-
TION POSITION PRIME MINISTER, AND CREATION NEW POLITICAL
PARTY HEADED BY SADAT. PRESIDENT, SOURCE MAINTAINED,
INTENDS FUNCTION MUCH AS HIS U.S. COUNTERPART, ADOPTING
FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. AC-
CORDING SOURCE, WHILE ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED JULY 22,
NEW SYSTEM WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED FULLY UNTIL OCTOBER.
CLAIMED PROPOSAL BEING TREATED AS "TOP SECRET" AND SAID
ONLY SENIOR OFFICIALS PRIVY TO SADAT'S PLANS AT THIS
TIME.

2. STATED INFORMATION MINISTRY, HOWEVER, UNDER INSTRUC-
TIONS TO SAMPLE REACTION OF LIMITED NUMBER EGYPTIAN
OPINION MAKERS TO CONCEPT. SOURCE MAINTAINED THIS
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OVERWHELMINGLY FAVORABLE AND SAID POSITIVE REACTION WILL
BE REPORTED TO PRESIDENT UPON HIS RETURN FROM AUSTRIAN
SOJOURN.

3. OFFICIAL THOUGHT PROPOSAL WOULD LOOK GOOD ON PAPER
BUT QUESTIONED HOW IT WOULD WORK. SADAT, HE MAIN-
TAINED, SIMPLY DOES NOT UNDERSTAND FUNCTIONING OF U.S.

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WITH ITS UNIQUE SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES. HE CITED STRING OF U.S. OFFICIALS, HEADED BY FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON, WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM OFFICE FOR MALFEASANCE AND CONTRASTED THIS TO EGYPT, WHERE MININFO AL SAWI (A "PROVEN CROOK"), BECAME MORE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN OFFICE WHEN "HIS ARM WAS DISCOVERED DEEP IN TILL." HE ARGUED THAT SADAT AS HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, PARTY AND CABINET, MORE LIKELY EVOLVE INTO DICTATOR THAN DEMOCRATIC LEADER. EILTS

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